

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace paragraph 48 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

[0048] The metal content of ash depends on source material from which ~~of~~ the ash is generated, the particular batch of ash, the stream of the incineration process from which the ash is recovered (e.g., fly ash, bottom ash, or coke), and the ash recovery method used. Thus, the metal content of various ashes varies considerably.